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## Highlights

- Farm labor wage rates for all hired workers in the Delta region during the week of October 8-14, 2006, increased 62 cents per hour from the same period a year ago.
- In the United States, farm-raised catfish imported amounted to 9.09 million pounds during September 2006, compared with 84,100 pounds of catfish exported during the same period.
- Mississippi 2005 corn prices are down 21 cents per bushel from the previous year, but 22 cents above the US average price.

## Farm Labor: Employment and Wage Rates, United States, October 8-14, 2006 with Comparisons <sup>1</sup>

Farm Employment	October 9-15, 2005	July 9-15, 2006	October 8-14, 2006
		1,000	
Hired Workers	842	876 *	797
150 Days or More	621	630	592
149 Days or Less	221	246 *	205
Agricultural Services			
Workers Working on Farms	294	320 *	280
Hired Farm & Service Workers	1,136	1,196 *	1,077
		Hours Per Week	
Hours Worked, Hired Workers	42.0	41.0 *	41.6
		Dollars Per Hour	
Wage Rate for			
All Hired Workers <sup>2 3</sup>	9.61	9.72 *	9.95
Field & Livestock Combined	8.96	9.07 *	9.29
Field	8.90	8.93 *	9.25
Livestock	9.15	9.49 *	9.41

\* Revised.

<sup>1</sup> Excludes AK.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits, such as housing and meals, are provided to some workers but the values are not included in the wage rates.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

**Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers,  
by Region and United States, October 9-15, 2005 and October 8-14, 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

United States and Region	Type of Worker						Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	
	Field		Livestock		Field & Livestock Combined			
	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006
Dollars Per Hour								
Northeast I	9.42	9.80	9.42	8.62	9.42	9.42	10.19	10.20
Northeast II	9.21	9.17	8.62	7.91	9.09	8.86	10.00	9.65
Appalachian I	8.17	9.15	8.91	8.26	8.43	8.90	8.89	9.35
Appalachian II	8.48	8.66	8.26	9.22	8.40	8.85	9.03	9.30
Southeast	8.51	8.76	8.86	8.65	8.60	8.72	9.05	9.10
Florida	8.60	8.50	8.45	9.10	8.58	8.58	9.33	9.42
Lake	9.96	9.89	9.49	9.61	9.80	9.80	10.35	10.35
Cornbelt I	9.88	10.12	8.68	9.04	9.57	9.75	10.10	10.63
Cornbelt II	9.21	9.70	10.89	10.26	10.02	9.95	11.16	10.65
<b>Delta</b>	<b>7.04</b>	<b>7.83</b>	<b>7.95</b>	<b>8.09</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>7.90</b>	<b>7.70</b>	<b>8.32</b>
Northern Plains	10.14	10.13	9.37	9.59	9.86	9.95	10.12	10.20
Southern Plains	7.60	8.14	7.84	10.09	7.68	9.02	8.38	9.60
Mountain I	8.26	8.87	9.27	9.24	8.55	9.00	8.91	9.55
Mountain II	7.94	8.86	8.39	9.32	8.14	9.05	8.75	9.80
Mountain III	7.27	7.56	8.87	8.86	7.67	8.05	8.28	8.50
Pacific	8.96	10.25	9.58	11.00	9.00	10.31	9.62	10.85
California	9.21	9.13	10.45	10.40	9.37	9.31	10.13	10.10
Hawaii <sup>2</sup>	10.10	10.61			10.18	10.69	11.73	12.47
United States <sup>3</sup>	8.90	9.25	9.15	9.41	8.96	9.29	9.61	9.95

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Insufficient data for livestock.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Alaska.

**Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Selected States, Region  
and United States, October 9-15, 2005 and October 8-14, 2006 <sup>1</sup>**

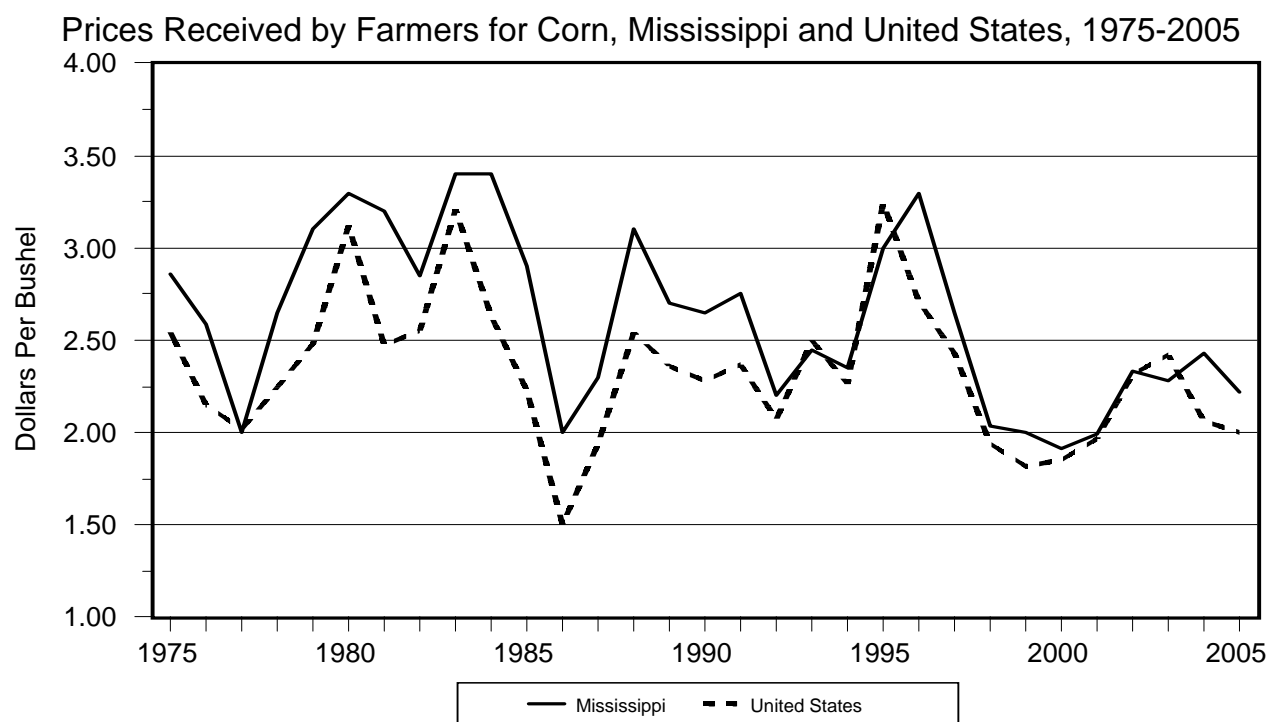
United States and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers		Expected to be Employed				Number of Hours Worked	
			150 Days or More		149 Days or Less			
	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006	Oct 9-15, 2005	Oct 8-14, 2006
1,000 Hours Per Week								
Appalachian I	36	32	23	23	13	9	36.7	36.8
Appalachian II	24	27	15	15	9	12	38.1	35.7
Southeast	37	29	29	24	8	5	37.0	39.1
Florida	42	44	37	40	5	4	39.4	41.1
<b>Delta</b>	34	34	24	24	10	10	42.2	44.0
Southern Plains	64	49	51	36	13	13	39.1	39.7
United States <sup>2</sup>	842	797	621	592	221	205	42.0	41.6

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Alaska.

Cotton Ginnings: Running Bales Ginned (Excluding Linters),  
As of November 15, Crop Years 2003-2006, by Crop, State and United States

Crop and State	Running Bales Ginned			
	2003	2004	2005	2006
All Cotton				
Alabama	452,000	517,150	493,450	444,100
Arizona	215,850	281,800	219,500	171,150
Arkansas	1,340,700	1,408,650	1,792,600	1,824,750
California	737,550	1,071,600	710,850	522,550
Florida	71,000	58,650	44,950	71,850
Georgia	987,400	1,084,000	976,150	1,065,450
Louisiana	973,750	773,100	1,070,400	1,096,900
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>1,808,200</b>	<b>1,846,750</b>	<b>1,915,450</b>	<b>1,940,950</b>
Missouri	443,550	539,600	706,800	555,550
New Mexico	25,200	19,400	23,950	16,800
North Carolina	460,900	833,950	689,900	690,650
Oklahoma	77,800	103,200	99,350	72,150
South Carolina	137,400	235,400	169,200	168,850
Tennessee	577,000	622,750	773,600	789,650
Texas	2,151,750	2,539,350	2,802,200	2,329,100
Virginia	46,950	83,350	80,150	72,100
United States	10,507,000	12,018,700	12,568,500	11,832,550



## United States Catfish: Sales, Average Prices and Ending Inventory, October 2005-2006

Item	Sales Volume		Average Price		Ending Inventory	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars Per Pound		1,000 Pounds	
Fresh						
Whole Fish	2,546	2,574	1.63	1.82	192	208
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	5,072	4,420	2.84	3.25	566	685
Other <sup>2</sup>	1,121	852	1.65	1.79	139	122
Total Fresh	8,739	7,846	2.34	2.62	897	1,015
Frozen						
Whole Fish	1,068	797	2.00	2.26	538	678
Fillets <sup>1</sup>	10,917	9,457	2.66	3.09	7,674	9,334
Other <sup>2</sup>	5,180	4,525	1.38	1.58	2,348	4,059
Total Frozen	17,165	14,779	2.23	2.58	10,560	14,071
Total Fresh & Frozen	25,904	22,625	2.27	2.60	11,457	15,086

<sup>1</sup> Includes regular, shank, and strip fillets; excluding any breaded products.

<sup>2</sup> Includes all products not already reported including weight of breading and added ingredients.

## United States Farm-Raised Catfish: Quantity Processed, Prices Paid to Producers by Major Processors, and United States Imports, 2005-2006

Month	Round Weight Processed				Price Per Pound <sup>1</sup>	
	Monthly		Cumulative			
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				Dollars	
January	53,856	49,666	53,856	49,666	.725	.726
February	51,720	49,145	105,576	98,811	.731	.729
March	57,117	56,315	162,693	155,126	.733	.745
April	50,306	43,185	212,999	198,311	.725	.785
May	51,552	42,865	264,551	241,176	.722	.796
June	49,626	41,214	314,177	282,390	.721	.807
July	47,241	45,582	361,418	327,972	.723	.812
August	50,686	51,736	412,104	379,708	.724	.811
September	47,151	47,296	459,255	427,004	.724	.832
October	49,034	50,909	508,289	477,913	.724	.836
November	46,674		554,963		.724	
December	45,707		600,670		.726	

<sup>1</sup> Price for fish delivered to processing plant door. Price includes charges for any services provided by the processing plant, such as seining and hauling, but does not include adjustments based on year-end settlements.

<sup>2</sup> Pounds of frozen boneless fillets. Includes imports of *Ictalurus* spp., *Pangasius* spp. and other catfish of the order Siluriformes. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

Farm-Raised Catfish: Imports and Exports, United States Imports, 2005-2006 <sup>1</sup>

Month	Imports				Exports			
	Ictalurus spp.		Total <sup>2</sup>		Fresh		Frozen	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Pounds				1,000 Pounds			
January	541	415	1,383	2,644	81.8	73.5	28.5	34.3
February	285	417	1,230	2,491	82.5	63.7	68.6	15.3
March	171	388	1,161	3,267	70.1	78.8	6.7	8.6
April	217	403	2,198	3,119	91.9	68.4	14.6	21.2
May	154	356	2,695	3,306	79.0	58.3	4.9	19.0
June	171	909	2,538	4,424	93.7	49.7	10.1	12.5
July	82	547	2,048	5,232	84.8	83.0	18.0	36.7
August	199	819	2,684	8,991	79.4	106.6	44.2	15.2
September	247	391	2,219	9,091	59.8	73.6	15.2	10.5
October	264		4,062		133.0		11.9	
November	426		4,648		110.9		15.9	
December	461		3,239		66.6		44.0	

<sup>1</sup> Data furnished by the U.S. Census Bureau.

<sup>2</sup> Includes imports of Ictalurus spp., Pangasius spp. and other catfish of the order Siluriformes. Data furnished by U.S. Bureau of Census.

## Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Foodsize Fish, Mississippi and United States, 2005-2006

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Tons		Percent	Tons		Percent
January	2,622	1,169	45	6,265	5,103	81
February	1,895	773	41	6,334	3,970	63
March	6,604	7,980	121	17,917	20,048	112
April	19,759	24,335	123	43,583	52,246	120
May	39,046	37,972	97	81,591	80,433	99
June	55,981	54,484	97	115,370	112,326	97
July	55,039	61,063	111	113,086	124,208	110
August	63,637	67,741	106	132,347	139,191	105
September	59,346	55,565	94	119,788	112,525	94
October	29,813	25,533	86	64,188	54,011	84
November	7,809			20,553		
December	687			4,449		

**Catfish Feed: Tons Delivered for Fingerlings and Broodfish,  
Mississippi and United States, 2005-2006**

Month	Mississippi		Percent of Previous Year	United States		Percent of Previous Year
	2005	2006		2005	2006	
	Tons		Percent			
January	196	191	97	287	469	163
February	153	134	88	205	367	179
March	405	505	125	715	1,381	193
April	1,136	1,084	95	1,623	2,200	136
May	1,864	2,305	124	2,796	3,181	114
June	3,639	5,265	145	4,787	6,265	131
July	5,444	8,319	153	6,797	9,754	144
August	8,297	9,676	117	10,569	11,611	110
September	4,382	5,442	124	5,148	8,483	165
October	2,022	2,733	135	3,148	3,642	116
November	669			1,189		
December	80			226		

**October Layers and Egg Production, by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006**

State	All Layers on Hand <sup>1</sup>		Table Eggs <sup>2</sup>		Hatching Eggs <sup>2</sup>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000		Million Eggs		Million Eggs	
Alabama	9,120	8,779	39	40	134	130
Arkansas	14,790	13,888	106	104	191	169
Florida	11,526	10,703	234	219	177	178
Georgia	18,957	18,792	9.2	7.6	0	0
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>6,871</b>	<b>6,242</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>89</b>
North Carolina	10,832	11,205	85	88	135	137
Texas	17,790	18,798				
United States	342,823	343,776	6,561	6,604	1,104	1,067

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

<sup>2</sup> Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations; data included in the US totals.

**October Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched,  
by Selected States and United States, 2005-2006**

State	September			January-September		
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2005	2006	2006/2005
	1,000			1,000		
	Percent			Percent		
Alabama	111,950	112,074	100	1,119,348	1,135,920	101
Arkansas	109,949	103,605	94	1,116,724	1,090,216	98
Florida	5,109	5,051	99	49,070	49,215	100
Georgia	119,293	123,370	103	1,202,202	1,238,154	103
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>66,023</b>	<b>62,867</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>695,493</b>	<b>659,379</b>	<b>95</b>
North Carolina	64,184	66,356	103	659,173	669,305	102
Texas	52,052	53,684	103	548,255	544,880	99
United States	776,449	771,822	99	7,927,728	7,893,006	100

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, and Average Live Weight,  
by Selected States and United States, September-October 2006**

State	Number Slaughtered		Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	September	October	September	October	September	October
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Alabama	86,931	94,305	472,537	525,564	5.44	5.57
Arkansas	92,499	102,733	498,192	550,985	5.39	5.36
Georgia	105,768	115,828	552,465	612,448	5.22	5.29
Kentucky	22,178	24,535	122,443	137,986	5.52	5.62
Louisiana	15,224	16,909	87,432	98,652	5.74	5.83
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>59,590</b>	<b>66,478</b>	<b>346,635</b>	<b>391,488</b>	<b>5.82</b>	<b>5.89</b>
Missouri	33,425	35,849	157,463	167,136	4.71	4.66
North Carolina	56,174	61,529	382,606	426,754	6.81	6.94
South Carolina	22,143	24,424	137,149	154,093	6.19	6.31
Tennessee	22,000	24,160	113,105	124,832	5.14	5.17
Texas	52,434	58,222	277,751	311,813	5.30	5.36
Virginia	26,062	26,979	136,480	144,552	5.24	5.36
United States	712,263	774,492	3,931,348	4,323,758	5.52	5.58

**Corn: Marketing Year Average Prices Received,  
by Selected States and United States, 2002-2005**

State	2002	2003	2004	2005
	Dollars Per Bushel			
Alabama	2.72	2.36	2.48	2.50
Arkansas	2.43	2.37	2.39	2.15
Georgia	2.70	2.45	2.20	2.20
Kentucky	2.58	2.53	2.24	2.21
Louisiana	2.40	2.40	2.45	2.25
<b>Mississippi</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.22</b>
Missouri	2.45	2.46	2.03	2.03
North Carolina	2.89	2.68	2.44	2.33
Oklahoma	2.45	2.60	2.53	2.39
South Carolina	2.70	2.70	2.30	2.19
Tennessee	2.58	2.37	2.17	2.07
Texas	2.57	2.59	2.60	2.47
Virginia	2.73	2.57	2.17	2.14
United States	2.32	2.42	2.06	2.00

## Mississippi and United States Price Highlights, November 2006 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	November 2005 Entire Month		October 2006 Entire Month		November 2006 Mid-Month	
		MS	US	MS	US	MS	US
		Dollars					
Corn	bu	---	1.77	---	2.54	---	3.12
Cotton, Upland	lb	.493	.485	.493	.461	.507 <sup>1</sup>	.466 <sup>1</sup>
Sorghum, grain	cwt	---	2.82	---	5.17	---	5.88
Soybeans	bu	5.84	5.62	6.05	5.52	6.25	6.15
Winter Wheat	bu	---	3.27	---	4.63	---	4.65
Rice, Rough	cwt	---	7.46	---	9.46	---	9.59
All Milk	cwt	---	15.10	---	13.50	---	13.80
Fluid	cwt	---	15.10	---	13.50	---	13.80
Manufacturing	cwt	---	14.30	---	12.70	---	13.10
All Beef Cattle	cwt	---	90.80	---	88.50	---	84.40
Cows	cwt	---	45.90	---	45.90	---	43.70
Calves	cwt	---	137.00	---	127.00	---	119.00
Steers & Heifers	cwt	---	97.10	---	94.00	---	90.00
All Hogs	cwt	---	43.50	---	46.50	---	44.50
Barrows & Gilts	cwt	---	43.80	---	47.00	---	44.80
Sows	cwt	---	37.30	---	36.90	---	36.10
Broilers, Live	lb	---	.420	---	.400	---	.400
Market Eggs	doz	.495 <sup>2</sup>	.484 <sup>2</sup>	.380 <sup>2</sup>	.382 <sup>2</sup>	.730	.675

--- Estimates not made.

<sup>1</sup> Based on sales during the first half of the month.<sup>2</sup> Mid-month prices.